

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2020 Increase Recycling Working Group Meeting

Present: See Attachment A

Next meeting: N/A, Final scheduled meeting for this working group.

Prepared by: Elizabeth Moore, DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting began at 1:00pm.

Co-chairs Laura Francis, First Selectman, Town of Durham and Ben Florsheim, Mayor, City of Middletown provided welcoming remarks, introductions, housekeeping rules and an overview of the Increase Recycling Working Group meeting.

The co-chairs also noted the upcoming full coalition meeting on Wednesday, December 16 at 1:00pm.

II. Committee Reports

The co-chairs provided an outline of the meeting and noted that there would be a discussion of any ideas that have surfaced through the working group discussions that may require legislation at the end of the meeting.

A panel composed of the following representatives presented on opportunities for municipalities to increase recycling and reuse efforts:

Rob Taylor, Director of Grants and Community Development, The Recycling Partnership presented on Recycling Markets and Municipal MRF Contracts

Sherill Baldwin, Environmental Analyst, Sustainable Materials Management, CT DEEP presented on Statewide Recycling Education

Randy Hartmann, Senior Director of Affiliate Operations, Keep America Beautiful presented on Public Space Recycling

III. Roundtable

There was opportunity for Q&A of the panelists. Members were interested in request for bid options, collection systems, the potential for expanding Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) participation in such a small state and opportunities for regional collaboration to pool resources in order to attract new MRF operators. Councils of Governments (COGs) were noted as potential avenues for forming regional organization efforts. Members also asked about tipping fees and glass contamination. Other questions involved the impact of state Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws and minimum recycled content

laws to drive and supply the demand of materials, local access to processing facilities, and labeling on packaging.

Members were interested in enforcement options in the state of Connecticut. Members also noted the positive impact of statewide efforts for individual municipalities. A poll asked, “What does your municipality need funding for?” Due to some technical difficulties, members responded both through the poll and using the ZOOM “chat” feature. Education, enforcement, and staffing were noted as the three most popular answers.

Laura Francis noted the working group ideas which will require legislation, including: Bottle Bill updates; Recycled Content Standards; banning PFAS from food packaging; and potential sources of funding for projects from the Solid Waste Assessment fee or Bottle Bill escheats.

Other discussion included next steps, including the full coalition meeting on December 16, 2020 and Jan 5, 2021.

IV. Public Comment

Members of the public were asked to use the “chat” feature to indicate if they wanted to make a comment.

Bud McCallister, New London noted the green the church initiative at the second congregational church in New London and Middletown which is hosting a virtual job fair and asked for any recommendations for potential employers in the recycling industry.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:03pm.

Appendix A.

Attended	User Name (Original Name)			
Yes	Timothy Webb - Ellington (TimothyWebb)			
Yes	Sherill Baldwin Desktop- DE** (Sherill Baldwin)			
Yes	Krishna Winston - Middletown Resource Recycling Advisory Comm (KrishnaWinston)			
Yes	Rob Taylor - The Recycling Partnership (Rob Taylor)			
Yes	Donald Stein - Barkhamsted (DonaldStein)			
Yes	JaniceEhle/Meyer			
Yes	DianeLauricella			
Yes	Katherine Bruns - West Hartford (KatherineBruns)			
Yes	Robert Isner - DEEP (Robert Isner)			
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Yes	James Albis - DEEP (James Albis)			

Yes	Elly Moore - DEEP (Elly Moore)			
Yes	KimO'Rourke			
Yes	Kim O'Rourke - Middleto** (KimO'Rourke)			
Yes	Robert Samek - Old Saybrook (RobertSamek)			
Yes	Randy Hartmann - Keep America Beautiful (Randy Hartmann)			
Yes	Randy Hartmann -SPEAKER (Randy Hartmann)			
Yes	Brian Bartram - Salisbury/Sharon TS (BrianBartram)			
Yes	Aaron Budris - NVCOG (AaronBudris)			
Yes	Jen Heaton-Jones - HRRR (Jen Heaton-Jones)			
Yes	Yvonne Bolton - DEEP (Yvonne Bolton)			
Yes	Scott Kalb - Greenwich Waste Management Committee (ScottKalb)			
Yes	Caren Harder - DEEP (CarenHarder)			
Yes	Peter Brunelli - DEEP (PeterBrunelli)			
Yes	Carolyn Bayne - Darien (CarolynBayne)			

Yes	Laura Francis - Durham (Laura Francis)			
Yes	Virginia Walton - Mansfield (VirginiaWalton)			
Yes	Chelsey Hahn - DEEP (Chelsey Hahn)			
Yes	Ben Florsheim - Middletown (Mayor Ben Florsheim)			
Yes	Linda Orr - Torrington (LindaOrr)			
Yes	Dave Aldridge - SCRRRA (DaveAldridge)			
Yes	Julie DesChamps - Greenwich Sustainability Committee (JulieDesChamps)			
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Yes	BudMcAllister			
Yes	Diana McCarthy- Bercury (DianaMcCarthy- Bercury)			
Yes	Gabrielle Frigon - DEEP (Gabrielle Frigon)			
Yes	Sherill Baldwin - DEEP (Sherill Baldwin)			
Yes	Dom DelVecchio - Durham/Middlefi eld Transfer			

	Station (DomDelVecchio)			
Yes	Raymond Drew - Torrington (RaymondDrew)			
Yes	Kimberly Chatey - East Granby (KimberlyChatey)			
Yes	HillaryGlass			
Yes	Cyril May - Waterbury (CyrilMay)			
Yes	Pamela Roach - SCRCOG (PamelaRoach)			
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Yes	Todd Fontanella - WestCOG (ToddFontanella)			
Yes	BetsyGara			
Attendee Details				
Attended	User Name (Original Name)	City	State/ Province	Organization
Yes	Timothy Webb	Ellington	CT	Town of Ellington
Yes	Jennifer Baclini	New Haven	CT	Private Resident
Yes	John Pizzimenti	Enfield	CT	Murphy Road Recycling LLC
Yes	Krishna Winston	Middletown	CT	Resource Recycling Advisory Commission
Yes	Ryan Hughes	New Haven	CT	The Kowalski Group
Yes	Mike Noel	Shelton	AL	TOMRA - Shelton, CT
Yes	Josh Hughes	West hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting
Yes	Josh Hughes			
Yes	Donald Stein	Barkhamsted	CT	Town of Barkhamsted
Yes	Karen Weeks	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC

Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer - RiverCOG (Janice Ehle/Meyer)	Essex	CT	RiverCOG
Yes	Diane Lauricella - Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition (Diane Lauricella)	Norwalk	CT	Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition
Yes	Katherine Bruns	West Hartford	CT	Department of Public Works
Yes	Katherine Bruns			
Yes	Kim O'Rourke	Middletown	CT	City of Middletown CT
Yes	Evan Bruning	Boston	MA	Serlin Haley LLP
Yes	Luis de la Parte	Rocky Hill	CT	SACYR ENVIRONMENT
Yes	Robert Samek	Old Saybrook	AL	Old Saybrook
Yes	Mallory Daley	Old Saybrook	CT	Hughes & Cronin
Yes	Brian Bartram	Salisbury/Sharon	CT	Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station
Yes	Julie Cammarata	New London	CT	Cga
Yes	Ashley Muspratt	Northampton	MA	CET
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Yes	Evan Dantos	Hartford	CT	Robinson+Cole
Yes	Evan Dantos			
Yes	Aaron Budris	Waterbury	CT	Naugatuck Valley COG
Yes	Jeff Martirano	Sandy Hook	CT	Barton and Loguidice Engineers, PLLC
Yes	Scott Kalb	Greenwich	CT	First Selectman's Waste Management Committee
Yes	Alex Rodriguez	Hartford	CT	CT League of Conservation Voters
Yes	Caren Harder	Hartford	CT	DEEP
Yes	Peter Brunelli	Hartford	CT	CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental

				Protection (CT DEEP)
Yes	Carolyn Bayne	Darien	CT	Darien Advisory Committee on Sustainability
Yes	Virginia Walton	Storrs	CT	Virginia Walton
Yes	HENRY LINK	Hartford	CT	Henry Link
Yes	Linda Orr	Torrington	CT	City of Torrington
Yes	Saranda Alka	Wolcott	CT	CTLCV
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Yes	Dave Aldridge	Gales Ferry	AL	SCRRRA
Yes	Julie DesChamps	Old Greenwich	CT	Greenwich Sustainability Committee
Yes	Bud McAllister	New London	CT	Partners in Healthy Communities
Yes	Bud McAllister			
Yes	Diana McCarthy-Bercury	Branford	CT	Town of Branford
Yes	kevin spinella	new britain	CT	GBA
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Yes	Bethany Georgianni	WASHINGTON	DC	Plastics Industry Association
Yes	Lisa Fecke	New Britain	CT	Gaffney, Bennett
Yes	Dom DelVecchio	DURHAM	CT	Durham/Middlefield Transfer Station
Yes	James Woulfe	Farmington	CT	The Connecticut Group, LLC
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Yes	Raymond Drew	Torrington	CT	City of Torrington
Yes	Brian Sullivan	Hartford	CT	Przybysz + Associates Government Affairs
Yes	Kimberly Chatey	East Granby	AL	Town Of East Granby
Yes	Ashley Zane	Hartford	CT	CBIA
Yes	Andrew Droney	Hartford	CT	House Republican Office

Yes	Andrew Droney			
Yes	Hillary Glass	Hartford	CT	RSG
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Yes	Cyril May	Waterbury	CT	Waterbury Public Works
Yes	Eric Fredericksen	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & recycling
Yes	Pamela Roach	North Haven	CT	SCRCOG
Yes	Pamela Roach			
Yes	Todd Fontanella	Sandy Hook	CT	Western Connecticut Council of Governments
Yes	Betsy Gara - COST (Betsy Gara)	West Hartford	CT	CT Council of Small Towns
Yes	Sarah Bloomquist	Brooklyn	NY	TOMRA
Yes	Sarah Bloomquist			
Other Attended				
Chris Nelson				